

Amendments to the Specifications:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 6 of the specification with the following paragraph:

In more detail, the stop mutex is opened by a stop program of the utility which allows authorized ~~authorised~~ and orderly closing of the utility for purposes such as upgrade. This program is password-protected.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 10 of the specification with the following paragraph:

The protection mutex is opened by a protection program of the utility and should always exist. The main program of the utility ("DCUApp") and the protection program ("DCUProt") each have a thread checking the protection mutex of the other. The protection program is open, but not performing any processing activity. If the mutex of the main program is absent, it automatically re-starts the main program. If the mutex of the protection program is absent, the main program automatically re-starts the protection program. There is thus parallel protection because absence of either mutex is an indication of an ~~unauthorised~~ unauthorized attempt to close the utility. The protection program has either standard protection or extended protection functions, as set out below.